## May 16, 2008

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Re: California Child Welfare Council's Request for Conflict-of-Interest Code Exemption

Dear Mr. Furtek:

This letter is in response to your request for an exemption for the California Child Welfare Council from inclusion in a conflict-of-interest code.

Your request for exemption is granted under California Code of Regulations Section 18751(c)(3). We agree that Assembly Bill 2216, Chapter 384, does not provide Council members with authority to make or participate in the making of governmental decisions that could have a material financial effect. Thus, Council members are not required to be designated employees in a conflict-of-interest code, within the meaning of Government Code Sections 82019 and 87302(a).

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Lynda Cassady of our Technical Assistance Division at (916) 327-2019.

Sincerely,

Michael B. Salerno Executive Director